BIRD CALENDAR - 1912

Students and all interested in Birds are invited to give or send their observations in writing to any one of the Instructors at the Biological Laboratory. The names of all migratory birds, and of all winter residents or visitors, seen or heard since December 1, 1911, when positively identified, will be welcomed. The common name, date, place, and the approximate number of individuals seen should be given.

Advice upon reading or on methods of study and observation will be gladly given to any who are specially interested. Bulletins will be issued in March and April.

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The past winter resembled that of 1909-10, with the exception that the cold weather began later (Jan'y. 4), and lasted longer (about 10 weeks, to March 14, or later), was more intense, and the snow was more continuous. The season was characterized by a long succession of cyclonic storms, bringing frequent snow, and the coldest temperatures, recorded for upwards of 50 years, minus 14 to minus 30 plus, unofficial.

The effect upon the birds was to reduce their food supplies and drive the migratory species farther south. Robins, however, seem to have remained in northern Ohio, in greater numbers than usual. The lingering ice and snow, by thus reducing the available food, has checked the migratory wave much longer than usual. No conditions of the winter, however, have been so prejudicial to bird-life as those on March 21 and March 22, when all outdoor objects were literally englace.

1. Winter Birds reported.

The following winter resident or visitant species have been reported; American Crow; Sparrow Hawk; a larger hawk, probably the Red Tail; Cardinal Grosbeak; Downy Woodpecker; Chicadee; Brown Creeper; Red Poll (from North) March 16, Noble Road by Mrs. Ryder; Screech Owl.

Robins, ordinarily migratory, and summer resident only have been reported as follows: Feb'y. 9, one in woods; Feb'y. 17, one in Gordon's Park, Professor Hulme; Feb'y. 29, one in Lake View Cemetary, Mr. Hagedom.

Flicker reported March 2, from Wade Park, by Mr Caster may have been resident during the winter.

2. Comparative Migratory Statistics.

	Robin	Song Sparrow	Bluebird		Song Sparrow
1905	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	1913	Feb'y. 18
1906	Feb'y. 22	Feb'y 25	Feb'y 20	1914	Mar. 15
1907	Mar. 11	Mar. 15	Mar. 15	1915	Feb'y 21
1908	Feb'y. 20	Mar. 11	Mar. 4	1916	Mar. 13
1909	Mar. 1	Feb'y 22	Feb'y. 22	1917	Mar. 1
1910	Feb'y 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 9	1918	Mar. 2
1911	Feb'y. 21	Feb'y 27	Mar. 9		
1912	Mar. 18	Mar. 15	Mar. 16		
		Feb'y. 25			

The data for the Bluebird are most reliable as an index of the migratory wave, since this species seldom winters so far to the north; its migratory date will be seen to correspond well with that of the Robin and Song Sparrow for this season. It is thus evident that the present migration is the latest which we have thus far recorded.

3. Migratory from South

1. Robin, Mar. 17, one singing, Berkshire Rd., Euclid Hts., Mr. Henn Mar. 18, two Noble Rd, Agnes and Francis Herrick. One reported Mar. 7, for Noble Rd. was possibly winter resident Miss Miller. Mar 17, 101st St. Cleveland, one; Mar, 18, Decker Ave., one, in woods, Noble Rd; Mar. 17, 18

2. Song Sparrow, Feb. 25. Noble Rd. Mrs Garry, singing. Mar. 15, Noble Rd, herd Miss Miller; 15 and 16; many in woods, Noble Rd; Mar. 18, 17, Noble Rd; singing in low cover. Mar. 16, Euclid Heights, Mr. Henn

3. Bluebird, Mar. 14, Noble Rd, heard; seen Mar. 19, Mrs. Ryder, Cleveland Heights. Euclid Ave. Mar. 20.

4. Meadow Lark, Mar. 16, singing, Euclid Hts, Mr. Henn; March 18, singing at 6:30 A.M., Noble Road, Cleveland Heights; Mrs. F.H.Herrick; Mar. 19, number calling in field east of Adelbert Road, Mr. Henn.

5. Bronzed Grackle, Mar. 19, four Adelbert College Campus, Mr. Driesbach.

6. Killdeer Plover, Mar. 19, Cleveland Hts, Nobel Rd. Mrs. Ryder.

7. Canada Goose, Mar. 14, 9 A.M. Bluestone Rd., South Euclid; 20 in V formation, steering north; Mr. Murray.